



Atty. Docket No.: ITW-14307

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lewis A. Haws et al.

: Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: 10/655,991

: Examiner:

Filed: September 5, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING
RECLOSABLE BAGS HAVING SLIDER-
ACTUATED STRING ZIPPERS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION REQUESTING CORRECTION
OF INVENTORSHIP
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.48**

Sir:

The Applicants hereby request that inventorship in the above-referenced patent application be corrected to add Basil C. Linton as a joint inventor.

The application papers as originally filed mistakenly stated that Lewis A. Haws was the sole inventor. Through oversight, Basil C. Linton was not included as a joint inventor. Submitted herewith are respective statements from the joint inventors, stating that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent.

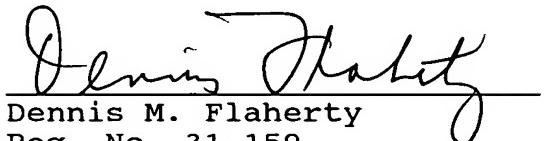
Also submitted herewith is a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, signed by both inventors, and declaring that Lewis A. Haws and Basil C. Linton are joint inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

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Finally, also submitted herewith is a statement of the assignee, Illinois Tool Works Inc., consenting to correction of the error in inventorship.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHING RIGHT
OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION AND
WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE**

Sir:

Illinois Tool Works Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from one of the joint inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application. The assignment was executed by Lewis Haws on August 26, 2003 (copy annexed) and submitted for recordation at the time of filing. The attorney of record has not yet received a Notice of Recordation from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned has reviewed the aforementioned executed assignment and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of Illinois Tool Works Inc.

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WRITTEN CONSENT

Illinois Tool Works Inc. hereby consents to the correction of inventorship in the above-referenced patent application to add Basil C. Linton as joint inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Signature

Mark W. Croll, Esq
Name

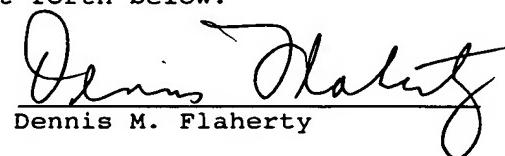
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**ORIGINALLY NAMED INVENTOR'S STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO
CORRECT ERROR IN INVENTORSHIP**

Sir:

As stated in a Declaration of Inventorship filed concurrently herewith, I am one of the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application. In a previous Declaration filed concurrently with this patent application, I was the sole named inventor.

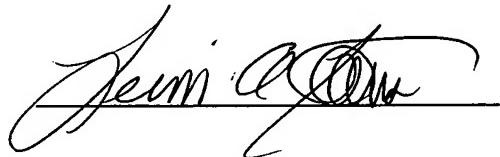
In or about November of 2003, it was brought to my attention that Basil C. Linton had been inadvertently omitted as a named inventor at the time of filing. At the time when I signed the original Declaration, I was also involved with several other patent applications, and I did not recognize or notice that Mr. Linton should have also been joined as a named inventor on this application. The error in the stated inventorship was the result of an oversight and occurred with no deceptive intent on my part.

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Mr. Linton participated in the conception of the invention recited in the pending claims of this application. Our new Declaration, filed concurrently herewith, declares that Mr. Linton is a joint inventor. Correction of inventorship in this patent application is respectfully requested.

Full name of joint inventor: LEWIS A. HAWS

Inventor's signature:



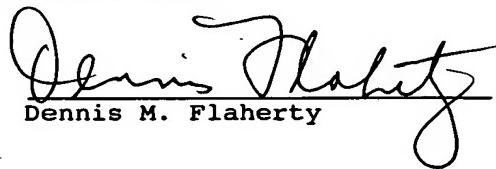
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As one of the below-named inventors, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

I believe that the other below-named inventors and I are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed in U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/655,991 filed on September 5, 2003 and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING RECLOSABLE BAGS HAVING SLIDER-ACTUATED STRING ZIPPERS, for which a patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to patentability (as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a)) in connection with examination of this application.

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls in connection with this application be addressed to: Dennis M. Flaherty, Esq., Ostrager Chong & Flaherty LLP, 825 Third Avenue, 30th Floor, New York NY 10022-7519.

I hereby appoint Mark W. Croll (Reg. No. 31,098), Donald J. Breh (Reg. No. 30,159), John H. Pilarski (Reg. No. 33,028), Paul F. Donovan (Reg. No. 39,962), Lisa M. Soltis (Reg. No. 40,623), and Benjamin J. Hauptman (Reg. No. 29,310), all from Illinois

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Tool Works Inc., 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025-5811, and Glenn F. Ostrager (Reg. No. 29,963), Dennis M. Flaherty (Reg. No. 31,159), and Joshua S. Broitman (Reg. No. 38,006), all from the firm Ostrager Chong & Flaherty LLP, 825 Third Avenue, 30th Floor, New York New York 10022-7519, jointly and severally, to be the attorneys of record, with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first joint inventor: LEWIS ALBERT HAWS

Inventor's signature:



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Full name of second joint inventor: BASIL C. LINTON

Inventor's signature:



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